

Special Recognition Awards

New Project Recognition Awards (Exceptional development of a new/re-organized Project)

Cowboy Action Shooting – Todd Kesner & Robotics – Gregg Switzer

Outstanding 4-H Alumni Award: Karin Ludeman

Partner In 4-H Award: NorthWestern Energy, XL Country, RO Brooks Leather/Rob Brooks

Outstanding 4-H Club Leader Award: Leia Miller

Outstanding 4-H Project Leader Award: Gregg Switzer

Outstanding 4-H Leaders Council Member Award: Kathy Cheney

Outstanding 4-H Foundation Board Member: Randy Craig

Lifetime 4-H Achievement Award: Pat Stackhouse

Gallatin County 4-H Leader of the Year Award: Laura Lee Harvey

The Harris and Elizabeth Kirk Outstanding 4-H Club Member of the Year Award: Sydney Heckel

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Silhouette Shoot

Thanks to all that have participated and helped out this year with the silhouette shoot.. We are done for this year and are looking forward to next year. The MWA put on the Montana State Championship and welcomed 24 shooters from the northwest. We had a great junior turnout with 5 subjunior, 3 intermediate and 2 juniors. Junior Reann Wilson from Belgrade is the 2008 State Champion in standard rifle with a 55 and Junior P.J. Snider took top junior with a 50. Master Dennis Martinen came in second with a 53 and Erik Perkins from Belgrade was third with a 47. The conditions in this match were some of the worst with high winds and rain. The sun finally came out and we had a great dinner and visiting on Saturday night. Sunday was hot and great conditions. Junior P.J. Snider is the State Champion in hunter rifle by shooting a 67 and Reann Wilson is the Junior Champion with a score of 65. Dennis Martinen was second with a 67 and Junior Erik Perkins was third with a 63. It was confirmed that Erik Perkins, P.J. Snider and Reann Wilson set the new junior team national record with their combined 80 shot scores of 189 in standard and 190 in hunter. The awards were given out and everyone was treated to a show of sportsmanship when Reann and P.J. presented their state championship awards to Sam Snider and Ivan, the target setters, in appreciation for working so hard.

Advanced Beef Project Offered Again for Montana 4-Hers

The Montana Advanced Youth Market Beef Program will be offered again for the 2008-2009 4-H year if there is enough interest throughout the State. In this program, youth between the ages of 12 and 19 feed a pen of 3 market steers. The pen of 3 steers are weighed and tagged locally by January 15, 2009 to get an initial weight. The steers are fed until early June, at which time there will be a live show at Midland Bull Test in Columbus. From Columbus, the steers are shipped directly to a commercial processing facility in Greeley, Colorado to be sold on a quality and yield grade basis. The purpose of the Montana Advanced Youth Market Beef Project is to offer a program that is better aligned with current beef genetics and the cattle feeding industry of today. The main focus is to expand youth knowledge of animal science, consumer demands, and the competitive feeding industry. Interested youth should contact the Sharla Sackman at the Prairie County Extension Office at 406-635-2121 prior to October 31, 2008 to indicate interest in this program.

Christmas Tree Globes to Fill

Last year Gallatin County 4-H represented the State of Montana by designing Christmas globes for the Montana Christmas tree in Washington, DC. It was a great success and we would like to once again fill the 51 plastic globes. **If any clubs, members or families would like to participate in this venture, please contact the 4-H office at 388-3213 or visit us at 201 West Madison, Suite 300 in Belgrade.** The Rockin' Roosters 4-H Club will host a party on November 10th at the Valley Bank of Belgrade meeting room (in the basement) at 6:30 to collect all of the globes. If you are unable to attend, please return them to our office before November 10th so that we can return them to Washington, DC by November 17.

